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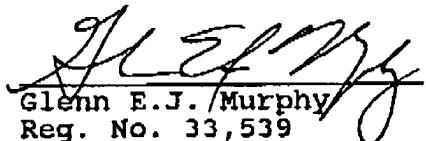
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31-34 were indicated as allowed. Accordingly, claims 14, 17, 20-28, and 30 have been canceled, and claims 15, 18, 29, 31, and 32 have been amended to eliminate their dependency on canceled or rejected claims. It is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. If any fees are due for entry and consideration of this amendment, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-1250.

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